

## **IC 33-40-4**

### **Chapter 4. Public Defender Council**

#### **IC 33-40-4-1**

##### **"Council" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the public defender council of Indiana established by section 2 of this chapter.  
*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.19.*

#### **IC 33-40-4-2**

##### **Establishment**

Sec. 2. (a) There is established a public defender council of Indiana.

(b) The council's membership consists of all:

- (1) public defenders;
- (2) contractual pauper counsel; and
- (3) other court appointed attorneys regularly appointed to represent indigent defendants.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.19.*

#### **IC 33-40-4-3**

##### **Board of directors; members**

Sec. 3. The activities of the council shall be directed by an eleven (11) member board of directors, ten (10) of whom shall be elected by the entire membership of the council, and the state public defender.  
*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.19.*

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##### **Executive director; staff**

Sec. 4. The council may employ an executive director, staff, and clerical personnel as necessary to carry out the council's purposes.  
*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.19.*

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##### **Duties**

Sec. 5. The council shall:

- (1) assist in the coordination of the duties of the attorneys engaged in the defense of indigents at public expense;
- (2) prepare manuals of procedure;
- (3) assist in the preparation of trial briefs, forms, and instructions;
- (4) conduct research and studies of interest or value to all such attorneys; and
- (5) maintain liaison contact with study commissions, organizations, and agencies of all branches of local, state, and federal government that will benefit criminal defense as part of the fair administration of justice in Indiana.

*As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.19.*